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y UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIET MOORE, DECEASED VICTIMS, CR. RETEL

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FEB. TWENTYEIGHT LAST FROM BIRMINGHAM. ON NIGHT OF MARCH THREE LAST

ALA. HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATOR, MET WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INVESTIGATOR FOR GOVERNOR OF FLA. AND CAPT. [REDACTED]

MIAMI PD, NA, AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA. FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING INSTANT

DYNAMITING AT MIMS, FLA., SEVERAL DYNAMITINGS AT MIAMI, FLA. AND [REDACTED]
THERE POSSIBLE RELATION TO RECENT DYNAMITINGS IN ALA. BUREAU AGENTS

SAT IN ON INSTANT CONFERENCE. AT THAT TIME [REDACTED] FURNISHED ABOVE

OFFICERS WITH DETAILED INFORMATION AS SET FORTH IN RETEL, EXPLAINING HE

MADE THIS SAME INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO AGENTS OF BIRMINGHAM OFFICE

RECORDED - 13 44-418-215
FEB. TWENTYEIGHT LAST. [REDACTED] HAS UNLIMITED CONFIDENCE IN HIS INFORMANT

WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A [REDACTED] MAR 28 1952 WHO ALSO WORKS AS [REDACTED]

AT SOME SORT OF TRUCKING OR TRANSPORTATION COMPANY IN BIRMINGHAM.

THIS INFORMANT IS [REDACTED] KNOWS WILLIAM HUGH MORRIS AND BILL

HENDRIX WELL, AND [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED]

INFORMANT HAS ADVISED THAT SUSPECT E. E. CAMPBELL OWNS PIPER CUB PLANE,
FLEW SAME TO FLA. DEC. TWENTYFIFTH LAST AND LANDED AT AIRPORT NEAR MIMS,
PROBABLY TITUSVILLE, CAMPBELL IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TOLD INFORMANT HE

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WAS HALF WAY BACK TO BIRMINGHAM IN INSTANT PLANE WHEN CLOCK MECHANISM
SET OFF DYNAMITE UNDER MOORE-S BEDROOM. [REDACTED] RECALLS DURING MIMS
INVESTIGATION THAT A NIGHT POLICEMAN AT TITUSVILLE DID MENTION TO HIM
THAT A LIGHT PLANE HAD POSSIBLY LANDED AT TITUSVILLE AIRPORT LAST
CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON, HOWEVER THAT ANGLE NEVER CHECKED OUT COMPLETELY.

ADVISES TIME AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS OF CAMPBELL-S EMPLOYER
REFLECT CAMPBELL DID NOT WORK DEC. TWENTYTHREE THROUGH TWENTYFIVE LAST.

STATES THAT FOR SUITABLE FINANCIAL REMUNERATION HIS INFORMANT WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH INVESTIGATING OFFICERS AND ATTEMPT TO SOLVE MIMS DYNAMITING, AS WELL AS MIAMI DYNAMITINGS.

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BOTH STATED THAT THEY INTENDED TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION AT PRESENT TIME INASMUCH AS BUREAU HAD BETTER FACILITIES FOR BREAKING INSTANT CASES IF INFORMANT COMES THROUGH WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE. [REDACTED] IS RETURNING TO BIRMINGHAM TODAY AND PLANS TO CONTACT

HAVE. [REDACTED] IS RETURNING TO BIRMINGHAM TODAY AND PLANS TO CONTACT
BIRMINGHAM OFFICE AGENTS UPON HIS ARRIVAL THERE FOR PURPOSE OF
WORKING FURTHER WITH THEM IN INSTANT CASE. *Wield*. *6*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD
 FROM : MR. ROSEN
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
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PURPOSE:

To advise that Bureau Agents attended a meeting at Tallahassee, Florida, on March 3, 1952, in an effort to learn identity of two informants of [redacted] Alabama Highway Patrol, who reportedly have information in this case, and to protect Bureau interests in that the Bureau will be able to control this phase of the investigation. As a result of the conference, additional information furnished by informants obtained and [redacted] is to contact the Birmingham Office today to further cooperate with the FBI and background of his Birmingham informants obtained which should permit the Bureau to identify the informants.

DETAILS:

On February 26, 1952, [redacted] for the Birmingham News, advised the Birmingham Office that he and [redacted] Alabama Highway Patrol, had gone to Opelika, Alabama, to obtain information concerning reported Klan activities in Alabama. An informant of [redacted] alleged that the bombings in Miami and Mims were perpetrated by E. E. Campbell, Exalted Cyclops, Ku Klux Klan at Birmingham. [redacted] furnished this information in confidence and did not want [redacted] to know he had reported AD-13 177-418-216

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On February 27 and 28, 1952, [redacted] contacted the Birmingham Office and reported the same information given by [redacted]. At that time he also stated that he had an informant in Birmingham who is a former Klan official and who had previously given good information concerning the Klan. This informant in Birmingham alleged that William Hugh Morris and Billy Hendrix were responsible for the bombings in Florida. Morris is head of the Federated Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at Birmingham and Hendrix is head of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted] stated that he preferred to not divulge the identity of his informants for the time being. He stated that he was going to recontact both of his informants on the weekend of March 1 and 2, 1952, and after his contact with his informant at Opelika (which is in the Mobile Division territory) he was to meet with [redacted] investigator for the Governor of Florida at Tallahassee, to determine whether the information furnished by his informants could be tied-in in anyway with the Florida bombing cases.

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 with Ala. highway patrol aren't
 such that we could have con-
 trolled & handled this. H.

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The foregoing information was furnished to Mobile, Miami, and the Bureau by Birmingham by teletype dated February 28, 1952, and in view of the Bureau's all-out efforts to obtain all possible leads which may solve the Florida cases, Mobile Agents attended this meeting.

[redacted] met with [redacted] and Captain [redacted] Miami Police Department, at Tallahassee on the night of March 3, 1952, which meeting was attended by Bureau Agents. Bureau Agents attended this meeting in an effort to learn the identity of [redacted] two informants and to protect the Bureau's interests in that the Bureau would be able to control this phase of the investigation. As a result of this conference, additional information was obtained concerning the allegations furnished by [redacted] informants over the weekend. Both [redacted] and [redacted] who have cooperated with the Bureau in the past on these cases, advised that they intended to take no further action at the present time in regard to this information since the Bureau had better facilities to handle this investigation. [redacted] indicated that he was going to return to Birmingham and contact the Birmingham Office for the purpose of working further with the FBI. [redacted] contacted the Birmingham Office upon his return and made arrangements for an interview today.
*Chose little confidence in any representative of
present or of Lat Baldwin is a big lie to Miami press*
Additional information was also obtained at the Tallahassee meeting which should enable the Bureau to identify [redacted] informant at Birmingham in the event [redacted] refuses to do so. It is also believed that [redacted] informant at Opelika can be identified if necessary through background information furnished by [redacted]

The Birmingham Office has been instructed to make no commitments to [redacted] for divulging the identity of his informants if he does do so.

ACTION:

Every effort is being made to learn the identity of [redacted] informants in order that the Bureau can completely control this phase of the investigation and this investigation is being vigorously pressed to determine one way or another whether there is any substance to this information.

SAC Milner, Birmingham
Called 3-10-52 DK

*Yes & find out why we
don't have better relations
with Ala. Highway Patrol*

3-11-52
J. C. McRae, Jr.
R. E. Ryan, Jr.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD
 FROM : MR. ROSEN
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To advise that [redacted] Alabama Highway Patrol, is considered a "lone wolf" type of individual and appears interested in the solution of this case for reward purposes and that his attitude is not indicative of very good relations between the FBI and other members of the Alabama Highway Patrol.

DETAILS:

Reference is made to the Director's request "Find out why we don't have better relations with Alabama Highway Patrol" in regard to information furnished the Birmingham Division by [redacted] Alabama Highway Patrol, in reference to two informants of his who reportedly have information concerning this case.

The Birmingham Division has advised that [redacted] has been with the Alabama Highway Patrol for some period of time working as a patrolman, however, during the past two years he has devoted his time as a plain clothes investigator handling matters not within the primary jurisdiction of the Bureau. As a result, contacts with the Birmingham Office have been extremely limited. [redacted] is described as a "lone wolf" type of individual and appears interested in the solution of this case for reward purposes. Birmingham has also advised that [redacted] actions in this matter are not at all indicative of the very good relations between the FBI and other members of the Alabama Highway Patrol. Birmingham states that officers of the Alabama Highway Patrol are all most cooperative and other representatives of this organization have volunteered to be of assistance whenever possible and have been cordial and helpful.

Birmingham has reported that [redacted] is now cooperating fully and that he did not reveal the identity of his two informants originally because they had been developed as informants by him on a personal basis and the informants had specifically requested that [redacted] not reveal their identity to anyone. [redacted] has recontacted his Birmingham informant and convinced this informant to discuss this case with the FBI to which the informant agreed. This informant, [redacted] has been interviewed by Agents of the Birmingham Division and has expressed his willingness to cooperate with the Bureau. However, he was not able to furnish any specific information as to the identity of the subjects in this case.

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ACTION:

The informant, [redacted] will be utilized to the fullest extent possible and efforts are being made to have [redacted] convince his other informant to talk to Bureau Agents. The identity of the second informant can possibly be determined from background information known about him in the event [redacted] does not convince the informant to voluntarily talk with Bureau Agents.

SAC, Miami (44-270)

March 25, 1952

Director, FBI (44-4118)

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Reurtel March 22, 1952, indicating that Tillman H. Belvin resembled one of the individuals who attempted to abduct Luther Coleman.

Investigation in connection with this case reflects that Belvin is a suspect in regard to numerous acts of terrorism. Investigation also reflects that he has received considerable hospitalization for a physical ailment.

You should promptly determine where Belvin has received hospitalization and determine the exact periods that he was confined to the various hospitals. Such information may show that he was confined to a hospital at the time he was suspected of acts of terrorism. Such information may also be helpful in the event of subsequent interviews with him at which time he may claim hospitalization as an alibi to some of the various acts of terrorism.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIR. A. ROSEN

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UNSUBS, HARRY MOORE, HARRIET MOORE, VICTIMS DECEASED, CR.

REMYTEL FIRST INSTANT. LUTHER COLEMAN INTERVIEWED TODAY AT SEBRING,
FLA. SUBSTANTIATED IN SUBSTANCE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN RETEL.

UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE TWO WHITE MEN FROM AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF
KNOWN KLANSMEN THAT GRABBED HIM AND AFTER BEATING HIM ON HEAD WITH

CLUBS TRIED TO FORCE HIM INTO CAR. ONE MAN SAID AS HE WAS GRABBED,
QUOTE GET IN THAT G. D. CAR AND LAY DOWN ON THE FLOOR AND NOT ONE
WORD OUT OF YOUR TRAP UNQUOTE. COLEMAN WENT TO THE CAR WITHOUT TOO

MUCH RESISTANCE AND STARTED TO STEP INTO CAR. AS HE DID THE MAN ON
THE LEFT RELEASED HIM BELIEVING HE WAS GETTING INTO CAR. AT THIS

MOMENT HE BROKE AWAY FROM MAN ON RIGHT AND STARTED TO RUN. HEARD A
MAN YELL QUOTE SHOOT THE SOB UNQUOTE AND COLEMAN WHILE RUNNING HEARD
WHAT HE BELIEVES WAS A PISTOL FIRED AND AT SAME TIME HE TRIPPED AND
FELL. LARGE SCAR ON RIGHT LEG INDICATES HE WAS PROBABLY CREASED BY

SHOT CAUSING HIM TO FALL. AT THIS TIME COLEMAN WAS SHOUTING FOR THE
POLICE AND THE WHITE MEN, NUMBER UNKNOWN, DROVE AWAY IN TWO CARS.

WHILE BEING TAKEN ACROSS THE STREET TO BE PLACED IN THE CAR SAW TWO

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MEN STANDING OPPOSITE CAR ON SIDEWALK ONE OF WHOM HE IDENTIFIED FROM

PHOTOGRAPH TO BE 26 NOT POSITIVE OF IDENTIFICATION BUT

BELIEVES TO BE ONE OF THE MEN. ONE OF THE TWO MEN WHO GRABBED

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HIM RESEMBLED TILLMAN H. BELVIN BUT UNABLE TO MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION. COLEMAN COULD GIVE NO REASON FOR THE BEATING AND ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION EXCEPT THAT HE WAS THE JANITOR AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND A FEW WEEKS BEFORE HE TOOK A THIRTY EIGHT CALIBRE REVOLVER TO THE SCHOOL WITH HIM AND LEFT IT IN ONE OF THE SCHOOL ROOMS WHERE IT WAS FOUND BY A TEACHER AND TURNED OVER TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE BY THE PRINCIPAL. THE GUN WAS NEVER RETURNED TO HIM. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED ON FEBRUARY SIXTH FIFTY ONE. ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT FIFTY ONE MELVIN WOMACK WHO WAS LIVING WITH DORA MAE MOSBY WHO IS THE SISTER OF COLEMAN-S WIFE WAS TAKEN FROM HIS HOME BY FOUR WHITE MEN AND WAS FOUND THE FOLLOWING MORNING BY CONSTABLE CARL SANDERS MORTALLY WOUNDED FROM GUN SHOT. COLEMAN UNABLE TO FURNISH DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS OR AUTOMOBILES INVOLVED.

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Mr. Gasser

SAC, Miami (44-270)

March 25, 1952

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Reurtel March 20, 1952, indicating that [redacted] Florida, furnished information in a signed statement concerning terrorist activity in which he participated during the time he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

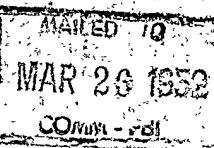
You should consider the possibility of developing [redacted] in regard to Klan activities. It is observed that [redacted] is no longer a member and he lives a considerable distance from [redacted] where he previously was a Klan member and consequently, it may be difficult for him to act as an informant under these circumstances.

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ATTENTION - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

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AGE

FORT PIERCE, FLA., FORMERLY OF

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AND A KNOWN

IN A SIGNED STATEMENT KNOWLEDGE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY AND ALSO IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED WITH HIM. FIRST JOINED KLAN IN NINETEEN TWENTYTWO AND REMAINED FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR. REJOINED IN NINETEEN FORTY FIVE AND WAS ACTIVE MEMBER UNTIL MIDDLE OF NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. PARTICIPATED IN OR HAD ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THREE TERRORIST INCIDENTS INVOLVING THREE WHITE

WOMEN AND ONE WHITE MAN. THE FIRST IN NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN HE WAS APPROACHED BY [REDACTED] AND MOSE BRYANT AND ASKED TO GO ON A

RIDE WHICH HE DID. ALSO ON THIS RIDE WERE BILL BARDEN, EARL J. BROOKLIN, [REDACTED] AND HE BELIEVES ROY GUDGER AND TWO

OTHERS WHO HE CANNOT RECALL. THESE MEN IN TWO CARS PICKED UP TWO

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FEMALE SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM OCOEE WHO WERE IN SWIMMING IN THE NUDE
IN A LAKE WITH TWO MEN. THE TWO MEN ALSO INTENDED TO BE TAKEN ON
RIDE MANAGED TO ESCAPE. WOMEN TAKEN IN CARS NAKED TO FAVORITE STOP-
PING GROUND AND FORCED TO LIE ON THEIR STOMACHS AND WERE WHIPPED
WITH GREEN SPROUTS CUT FROM AN ORANGE TREE. [REDACTED] OF
CAR WHILE SEVERAL MEN TOOK TURNS IN WHIPPING THE GIRLS. EARL BROOK-
LIN WAS STANDING NEAR THE GIRLS BUT THE MEN WOULD NOT LET HIM DO
ANY OF THE WHIPPING DUE TO HIS BRUTAL INSTINCTS. GIRLS LEFT IN GROVE
WITH THEIR CLOTHES TO WALK BACK TO OCOEE. SECOND RIDE ALSO IN NINE-
TEEN FORTY SEVEN [REDACTED] SAME CAR AND WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BARTON AND WALTER ~~X~~ BALLARD, WHO PUT THE FINGER ON THE VICTIM.
IN A SECOND CAR WERE ROY GUDGER AND HE BELIEVES [REDACTED] AND TWO
OR THREE OTHERS FROM ORLANDO WHO HE DOES NOT RECALL. THEY TOOK A
[REDACTED] FROM HER HOME DRESSED IN ONLY A THIN NEGLIGEE AND AGAIN
WENT TO A PLACE CLOSE TO THE USUAL STOPPING GROUND IN A GROVE AND

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WITH A SWITCH CUT FROM AN OAK TREE WHIPPED HER. [REDACTED] UNDERSTANDS TREATMENT GIVEN BECAUSE [REDACTED] WAS DRINKING HEAVILY AND NEGLECTING HER CHILDREN. AFTER THE WHIPPING SHE WAS TAKEN TO A SPOT CLOSE TO HER HOME AND LET OUT. THE THIRD INCIDENT OF WHICH [REDACTED] HAS DIRECT KNOWLEDGE INVOLVED A MAN NAMED [REDACTED] AND WHO LIVED IN THE SAME APARTMENT BUILDING AS [REDACTED] AFTER TAKEN FROM APARTMENT [REDACTED] FOLLOWED THE TWO CARS TO A SPOT NORTH OF [REDACTED] AND OCOEE. HE DID NOT APPROACH TOO CLOSE BUT MERELY TURNED AROUND WHILE SEVERAL MEN WERE TALKING TO [REDACTED] CAME OVER TO [REDACTED] CAR AND CHATTED WITH HIM. [REDACTED] TAKEN OUT NINE THIRTY PM AND [REDACTED] SAW HIM RETURN HOME AT ABOUT MIDNIGHT. [REDACTED] DID NOT GO ON ANY OTHER RIDES ALTHOUGH HE WAS APPROACHED MANY TIMES BY BROOKLIN AND [REDACTED] TO GO OUT ON RIDE. STATES A WIDE LEATHER STRAP USED ON SUCH OCCASIONS WAS KEPT IN THE KLAVERN HALL. UNDERSTANDS THROUGH HERESAY THAT QUOTE "WRECKING CREW UNQUOTE REGULARS TO BE [REDACTED] EARL BROOKLIN,

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[REDACTED] ROY GUDGER, [REDACTED]

J. B. JOHNSON,

[REDACTED] AND BILL BARTON. ALSO FURNISHED INFORMATION BASED
ON HERESAY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR OTHER TERRORISTS INCIDENTS.
HAS HEARD BROOKLIN INVOLVED IN KILLING NEGRO WILLIE MC COY IN FEBRUARY NINETEEN FORTY NINE. IN COOPERATION WITH AGENTS [REDACTED] IS MAKING TRIP TO WINTER GARDEN THIS COMING WEEK END IN AN ATTEMPT TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION AND WILL CONTACT AGENTS IN ORLANDO SUNDAY.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT MIAMI

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS	DATE WHEN MADE 3-17-52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-12-52	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] ph
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE; HARRIET MOORE - VICTIMS (Deceased)	CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS		
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>cc: Dept. of Justice in Re: 5716</i> [Redacted] upon reinterview, reaffirms that she and [Redacted] passed victims' home on the evening of 12-25-51 and says that it may have been 11:00 P.M. or later. Recalls that [Redacted] said that he saw a truck parked on the side of Old Dixie Highway at grove in front of victims' home, but that no mention was made of seeing a car and that she did not see anything.			
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DETAILS: AT SLATON, TEXAS:	 [Redacted] advised SA GARRETT P. FLEMING and the writer that she told the truth during the prior interview and that she is certain of the accuracy of the facts she furnished except for the time given as the approximate time she and [Redacted] [Redacted] passed the home of the victims upon their return from Titus- ville the night of December 25, 1951. She advised that it may have been as late as midnight, but that she now believes that it was about 11:00 P.M. or possibly a bit later.		
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. K. Massey</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>J. K. Massey</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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that they arrived after the bar closed, but that the woman sold them a bottle of whiskey which they drank while travelling at a leisurely rate of speed back to Mims.

pink She stated that she is positive that they travelled over the Old Dixie Highway and that they were not drunk. She stated that when they passed the grove in front of the victims' home, [redacted] commented that he wondered what "that truck parked there with the lights off" was there for. She advised that she is certain that they were at that time opposite the grove, but that she did not see the truck and no further comment was made. She stated positively that no mention was made of a car of any kind other than the truck, and that she did not see any car or truck. She added that [redacted] mentioned it again the next day when they were discussing the explosion, but that he did not add any information and never told her what type of truck it was.

She stated that she cannot state the exact time that they passed the grove and has no opinion as to whether it was before or after the explosion. She stated that there was nothing observed to make her think that it was after the explosion. She recalled that various persons reportedly heard the explosion at the time, but that she did not know of it until her mother heard it from an unknown source the next morning and told her. She stated that she heard that relatives of the victims reached the scene almost immediately, but that she does not know whether there were enough people around shortly after the explosion that it is certain that she would have noticed the crowd if the explosion had taken place before they passed.

[redacted] advised that she was not personally frightened and that her departure from Mims was according to her original plan. She reported that she had not lived there for three years and that she had merely returned to visit her mother and that she had purchased a round trip ticket originally. She advised that her return to Slaton was as she had planned.

She again denied that she had made a telephone call from Titusville on December 25, but that she did call [redacted] at Slaton, No. 647W, on December 26, 1951, at about 9:00 A.M. She stated that the call had no reference to the bombing. She repeated that it was made from the Truck Stop in Mims.

She positively denied that she had made any statements to the effect that she or the men had seen a patrol car at the grove near victims' house nor has she heard either of the men make any such statement.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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ADMINISTRATIVE

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted], dated 3-4-52 at Dallas.
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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR.
TILLMAN H. BELVIN, A PRINCIPAL SUSPECT, REINTERVIEWED TODAY STEADFASTLY DENIES PARTICIPATION IN MOORE KILLING OR HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE THEREOF. EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO GET BELVIN-S CONFIDENCE AND HAVE HIM COOPERATE IN INSTANT INVESTIGATION. OSTENSIBLY BELVIN IS COOPERATING AS HE IS CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS AND SOME PLANNED ACTIVITIES, ALTHOUGH THE AGENTS BELIEVE HE IS POSSIBLY FURNISHING ONLY THAT INFORMATION WHICH WHILL NOT INCRIMINATE HIMSELF OR ANY FRIEND OF HIS. BELVIN IS DYING OF CANCER AND HE KNOWS THAT HE MAY DIE AT ANY TIME ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY DOES NOT KNOW THAT HE HAS CANCER. STATED THAT HE QUOTE WANTED TO GET RIGHT WITH HIS MAKER IF HE IS INVOLVED IN ANYTHING, UNQUOTE. STATED HE OFTEN ATTENDED KLAN MEETINGS IN APOPKA WHILE BOGAR WAS E. C. ALSO THAT HE WAS E. C. IN ORLANDO AT THE TIME, WHICH WAS IN NINETEEN FIFTY. HE HAS NEVER VISITED APOPKA WITH BROOKLYN AS A PARTY GOING FROM ORLANDO, BUT ON

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NUMEROUS OCCASIONS BROOKLYN HAS BEEN AT THE APOPKA KLAVERN WHILE
BELVIN WAS VISITING. ALSO HE HAS BEEN IN KLAVERN WHEN [REDACTED]
WAS THERE BUT DOES NOT REMEMBER ANY ONE TIME THAT BOTH BROOKLYN AND
[REDACTED] WERE IN KLAVERN WHILE HE WAS VISITING. THIS IN PART SUBSTAN-
TIATES INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CI TO THE EFFECT THAT WHEN FLOOR
PLANS SHOWN BY BROOKLYN BOTH [REDACTED] AND BELVIN WERE VISITING IN THE
KLAVERN. DENIES SEEING PLANS OR HEARING ANY DISCUSSION OF HARRY
MOORE. BELVIN STATES THAT HE HAS HAD SEVERAL VISITORS AT HIS HOME
RECENTLY AND ONE OF THEM [REDACTED] E. C. OF ORLANDO A.G.K.
TOLD HIM THAT FBI WAS NOT GOING TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING IN ITS INVE-
TIGATION AT WINTER GARDEN BECAUSE THAT KLAVERN WAS NOT GOING TO
COOPERATE IN ANY WAY DUE TO THE FBI COMING IN AND THROUGH ITS INVESTI-
GATION WERE TELLING THOSE PEOPLE HOW TO QUOTE RUN THEIR NEGROES UN-
QUOTE. BELVIN ALSO LEARNED THAT IN PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS THE WINTER
GARDEN KLAN STARTED READING THEIR OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AT EVERY MEETING

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AS A REMINDER TO ALL KLANSMEN NOT TO VIOLATE THEIR OATH. DURING TIME BELVIN WAS E. C. IN NINETEEN FIFTY BROOKLYN DID NOT ATTEND ORLANDO MEETINGS BUT RATHER ATTENDED THE WINTER GARDEN KLAVERN, RECALLS THAT HE HAS HEARD BROOKLYN BEFORE A CLOSED MEETING DISCUSS SOME INDIVIDUAL WHOSE CONDUCT HE DID NOT LIKE WITH THE CONCLUSION HE, BROOKLYN WANTED THE PERSON TAKEN OUT AND WHIPPED. BELIEVES BROOKLYN USED TO FREQUENTLY VISIT BILL BOGAR TO DISCUSS KLAN BUSINESS WHILE HE, BROOKLYN WAS DRIVING A FRUIT TRUCK. BELIEVES J. B. JOHNSON IS AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE QUOTE WRECKING CREW UNQUOTE ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS BELIEF. INTERVIEW WITH BELVIN TERMINATED DUE TO HIS TIRING CONDITION. CONTEMPLATED THAT INTERVIEW WITH BELVIN WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW OR DAY FOLLOWING.

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[REDACTED] ON RECONTACT ADVISED ALL KLANSMEN HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED
NOT TO TALK TO FBI. IF REQUESTED TO COME TO RESIDENT AGENCY THEY [REDACTED]
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SHOULD DECLINE. EARL J. BROOKLYN IS EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING,
AND ON MARCH TWENTY LAST TOLD [REDACTED] HE SHOULD REFUSE TO TALK
TO FBI AGENTS. TALK AMONG THE KLANSMEN IS REPORTED TO BE TO THE EFFECT
THAT THERE IS NO FEDERAL JURISDICTION IN ANY OF THE TERRORIST INCIDENTS,
AND THEREFORE, FGJ COULD NOT INDICT ANYONE, FURTHER IF THEY DO NOT TESTI-
FY TRUTHFULLY, THEY COULD BE TRIED ON PERJURY WHICH WOULD BE UNDER
FEDERAL JURISDICTION. [REDACTED] WHO WAS UNCOOPERATIVE IN INTERVIEW,

TOLD INFORMANT THAT [REDACTED] ALSO UNCOOPERATIVE
IN INTERVIEW, WERE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE QUOTE HEAVY WRECKING CREW
UNQUOTE, AND [REDACTED] WAS ONE OF THE BEST QUOTE LOADERS UNQUOTE [REDACTED]
HAD EVER SEEN. INFORMANT STATES BROOKLYN AND [REDACTED] MEMBERS OF
QUOTE WRECKING CREW UNQUOTE FOR MANY YEARS. ALSO STATED THAT ACCORDING
TO INFO ACCREDITED TO BE TRUE, BROOKLYN LEFT ON STREET WHEN TWO CARLOADS
OF MEN BEAT LUTHER COLEMAN AND TRIED TO ABDUCT HIM. COLEMAN FAILED TO

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IDENTIFY PHOTO OF BROOKLYN ON INTERVIEW AS ONE OF THE MEN ON SCENE DURING

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BEATING. SOME OF THE KLANSMEN HAVE TOLD INFORMANT THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO GO
BEFORE THE GRAND JURY PAREN REASON UNKNOWN TO INFORMANT FOR SUCH STATE-
MENT PAREN. INFORMANT BELIEVES WILLIE MC COY, MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS
TELETYPE, KNOWN IN ORANGE COUNTY AS WILLIE BENSON AND STATES HIS DEATH
CERTIFICATE READ QUOTE DEATH RESULTED FROM BROKEN NECK UNQUOTE, ALTHOUGH
HE WAS SHOT WITH SHOTGUN SLUGS. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IN SO ADVISES
RECORDS CONTAINED ONLY A LETTER TO BUREAU TRANSMITTING SET OF UNKNOWN
FINGERPRINTS AND A TELEGRAPHIC REPLY FROM BUREAU ADVISING UNKNOWN DEAD
PERSON WAS IDENTIFIED AS ONE WILLIE MC COY, FBI NO. FIVE ONE ONE ONE
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REPORT MADE AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	DATE WHEN MADE 3-20-52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-10, 11, 15-52	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] ap
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIET MOORE - VICTIMS (deceased)		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[Redacted] admitted Klan membership in 1948. [Redacted] denied banishment from Klan but stated he disaffiliated voluntarily after attending three meetings. [Redacted] stated R. G. STEVENS, now deceased, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] and [Redacted] were among 20 or 30 Klansmen who attended 1948 meetings. [Redacted] denied knowing EARL J. BROOKLYN. [Redacted] admits knowing [Redacted] but denied knowledge of their Klan activities. [Redacted] stated he did not recall hearing names of victims mentioned at Klan meetings and professed no knowledge of floor plan of victims' home. [Redacted] stated he could give no information regarding the identity of persons responsible for killing victims.

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DETAILS:

[Redacted] 13th Armored Infantry Battalion, Third Armored Division, Fort Knox, Kentucky, advised that he is known, in Apopka, Florida, as [Redacted] but that his true name is [Redacted]

[Redacted] advised that he joined the Apopka, Florida, Klan in the spring or fall of 1948 at the persuasion of [Redacted]

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stated he held membership card number [redacted] and paid \$9.50 for one year membership dues but that he voluntarily disaffiliated himself from the Klan in 1948 after attending three meetings. He stated that his reason for leaving the Klan was that he disagreed with the Klan's beliefs regarding White Supremacy and that the meetings he attended were nothing but confusion and argument among the members. [redacted] stated that the Klan meetings were held every other week at a place owned by Mr. " [redacted] (phonetic), located approximately two miles south of Apopka, off [redacted] [redacted] stated that the Klan membership was made up of persons from Apopka and the surrounding towns and that the meetings were attended by twenty or thirty Klansmen.

[redacted] stated that among those present at the meetings which he attended were R. G. STEVENS, now deceased, [redacted] Plymouth, Florida [redacted] Apopka, Florida [redacted] Apopka, Florida [redacted] Apopka, Florida, WILLIAM BOGAR, Apopka, Florida, and [redacted] (phonetic), Apopka, Florida. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and BOGAR were the apparent leaders of the Klan and that they seemed to create most of the confusion and carry on most of the arguments.

[redacted] stated that some time subsequent to his disaffiliation he heard, through [redacted] that the Klan had split up into two factions and that the split was caused by disagreement among the Klansmen as to who would be the leader of the Apopka Klan. Some members favored [redacted] and the others favored WILLIAM BOGAR. [redacted] could provide no information as to the identity of the Klansmen who favored [redacted] or BOGAR other than that he believed [redacted] favored WILLIAM BOGAR.

Relative to his alleged association with EARL J. BROOKLYN, [redacted] stated that he did not know a person by that name. He stated that he was acquainted with [redacted] from SANFORD, Florida, but that he knew these individuals only through their reputations as baseball players and from seeing them play baseball for the Apopka and Orlando baseball teams. [redacted] stated that he did not associate with the [redacted] [redacted] and that to the best of his knowledge, they were not members of the KluKlux Klan.

[redacted] stated that he has known [redacted] since about 1947 and that he first met [redacted] while, he, [redacted] was employed as a clerk and salesman by the RYAN Brothers Lumber Company in Apopka, Florida. [redacted] stated that he had no knowledge of [redacted] Klan activities nor had he ever heard from his father-in-law or from any other person that [redacted] was a Klansman.

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[redacted] stated that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] is employed as a [redacted] by the B. L. Waters General Contracting Company, Apopka, Florida, and that he had had no connection with [redacted] other than through his employment at the RYAN Lumber Company.

[redacted] admitted knowing [redacted] since about 1948 and stated that he first met [redacted] through [redacted] employment by the Ryan Lumber Company. [redacted] stated that he had no knowledge of WADE's Klan activities nor had he ever heard from any source that [redacted] was a Klansman or had participated in the planning or the bombing of the victim's home. [redacted] stated that to the best of his knowledge [redacted] operates a Radio Repair Shop in Apopka, Florida, and that he had had no connection with [redacted] other than through business.

[redacted] stated that he was not acquainted with a person by the name of [redacted] and that the only person he knew with a similar name was [redacted] of the Sunshine Manor Fishing Camp, Lake Apopka, and that to the best of his knowledge [redacted] is not a member of the Klu Klux Klan.

[redacted] stated that he did not recall hearing the names of the victims mentioned at the Klan meetings, which he attended and advised that he had no knowledge of a floor plan of the victims' home being shown and discussed at any of the meetings which he attended or at subsequent meetings.

[redacted] admitted knowing that the victims had been killed as a result of the bombing of their home but stated that he first learned of the killing through newspaper articles.

[redacted] stated that he could provide the writer with no information regarding the identity of the persons responsible for killing the victims. He stated further that whereas he was not attempting to create the impression that he had credible information which would lead him to suspect anyone of the killing, that WILLIAM BOGAR, [redacted] were the most vociferous in the promotion of the Klan and that they perhaps could provide information which would possibly help to establish the identity of the persons responsible for killing the victims.

Inasmuch as the office of origin may have information regarding the above individuals, the setting forth of leads to have them interviewed is being left to the discretion of that office.

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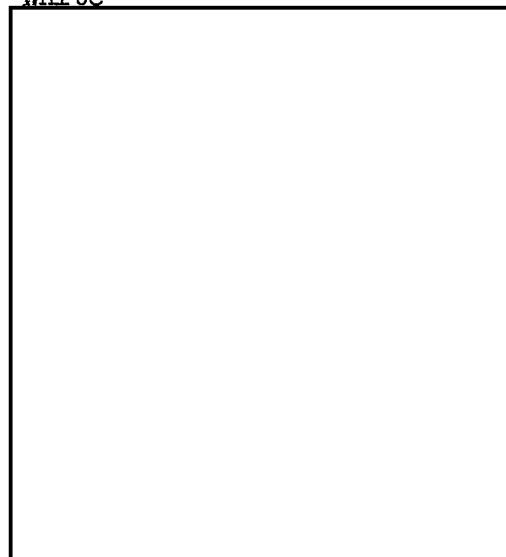
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The following description of [redacted] was obtained from his military records, and from interrogation and observation:

Sex Male
Race White
Born

Height
Weight
Eyes
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Shoe Size
Complexion
Scars
Occupation

Education
Marital Status
Relatives



Apopca, Florida
Father

Apopca, Florida
Mother

Apopca, Florida

Photographs of [redacted] are marked as enclosurers for the Miami Division.

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11 UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. JOHN TYLER THOMAS, REFERRED TO IN REPORTS AND TELETYPE AS JOHN T. THOMAS AND TINY THOMAS INTERVIEWED. ADMITS HE IS PRESENTLY EC OF THE ORLANDO KLAVERN OF THE SK, KKK. ADMITS KNOWING ALL SUSPECTS AND MOST OF KLAN MEMBERS BUT WOULD NOT REVEAL ANY OF KLAN ACTIVITIES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. STATED WENT ON ONE RIDE SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN WHITE MAN IN EAST ORANGE COUNTY FLOGGED FOR MOLESTING A SMALL GIRL. STATES EARL BROOKLYN ON THIS RIDE WITH HIM. CLAIMED HE COULD NOT REMEMBER OTHERS ON RIDE. DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE MOORE CASE. STATED WOULD TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY, BUT IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY STATED WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION, REASON BEING QUOTE I DO NOT TRUST A LIE DETECTOR UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] SANFORD NAS, WITNESS TO PART OF LUTHER COLEMAN INCIDENT, DESCRIBED ONES OF THE CARS FLEEING FROM SCENE LOADED WITH WHITE MEN TO BE A FORTYONE FADED BLUE GREY DE SOTO CONVERTIBLE. AT TIME TOOK LICENSE NUMBER AND TRIED TO GIVE ALL INFO TO NIGHT POLICE OFFICER WILLIE WELCH PAREN NOW DECEASED PAREN WHO WOULD NOT LISTEN TO HIM OR TAKE INFO. [REDACTED] HAS SINCE FORGOTTEN LICENSE NUMBER.

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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, ETAL, VICTIMS, CR. AGENTS THIS OFFICE
IN COMPANY [REDACTED] YESTERDAY INTERVIEWED

[REDACTED] QUOTE [REDACTED] INFORMANT UNQUOTE. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS

OPELIKA. HE HAD NO FURTHER DEFINITE OR SPECIFIC INFORMATION
IMPLICATING SUSPECT E. E. CAMPBELL, OTHER THAN THAT PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED THROUGH [REDACTED] WAS ACTIVE IN KLAN AFFAIRS
VICINITY OPELIKA FROM NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT TO LAST YEAR AND
STATES AT PRESENT NO ACTIVE ORGANIZATION OF KKK EXISTS
VICINITY OPELIKA, ALTHOUGH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OPELIKA IS ASSOCIATED WITH KLAN UNDER WILLIAM HUGH
MORRIS AND MAY ATTEMPT TO REORGANIZE SAME IN THAT VICINITY.
INFORMANT [REDACTED] REITERATED FIRM BELIEF THAT KLAN IS DIRECTLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MIMS BOMBING AND BELIEVES ALSO MORRIS
POSSIBLY FURNISHED ASSISTANCE FOR ITS PERPETRATION. HE
EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE AND WILL FURNISH ANY
DEFINITE INFORMATION WHICH HE MIGHT POSSIBLY SECURE IN THE
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MIAMI. AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR TWO AGENTS MIAMI DIVISION THOROUGHLY

FAMILIAR WITH THIS CASE TO PROCEED TO JACKSON, MS., TO INTERVIEW

MIAMI MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH SAVANNAH

DIVISION TO BE SURE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UPON ARRIVAL OF MIAMI AGENTS.

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The results of investigation to date reflect that some of the KKK members at Apopka and Winter Garden, Florida, are in all probability responsible for the bombing in this case. No admissions have been obtained but information received from informants and witnesses indicate that certain renegade members of the Klan were making inquiries about Moore and "casing" his home at Mims for a number of months prior to the bombing. These reregate Klan members deny any participation and at the present time other acts of terrorism by Klan members are being investigated to determine the identities of Klan members responsible which information, in turn, may be used in questioning the main suspects.

[redacted] has been interviewed by Agents from the Savannah office and has admitted participation at five floggings and has identified only one other Klan member. He has not given all information he undoubtedly possesses. It is believed that Miami Agents, thoroughly familiar with this case and Klan activities in Florida, will be in a much better position to question [redacted] and be more likely of obtaining valuable information. Consideration is being given to calling Klan members before a FGJ and knowledge of participation in acts of terrorism should materially assist in questioning the Klan members. Jackson, SC, is approximately 425 miles from Orlando, Florida, (scene of present investigation) and small additional expense and Agent time may prove to be extremely helpful to this investigation.

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TO : Director, FBI (44-118) (ASD)
 FROM : Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN
 SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE;
 HARRIET MOORE (deceased) - VICTIMS
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DATE: March 21, 1952

Rereps SAs LAWRENCE R. CHANDLER, Savannah, 3-6-52, and
 [redacted] [redacted]
 [redacted] Savannah, 3-15-52.

The purpose of this letter is to request Bureau authority to have [redacted] at Jackson, South Carolina, interviewed by Agents who have been working on the special squad at Orlando, Florida.

[redacted] according to information developed, was known as a Klan renegade at Apopka, Florida, along with [redacted] and others. Considerable friction had grown up within the Klavern while it was part of the Association of Georgia Klans and a group tried to oust BILL BOGAR who was Exalted Cyclops. Charges were brought against [redacted] and R. G. STEPHENS (deceased). These men were suspended or banished and as a result of the action taken [redacted] quit the Klan. All of these individuals have been named by informants and cooperative Klan members as being the rough element and those who engaged in terrorist activities.

[redacted] is experienced in the use of dynamite to the extent that he assisted TILLMAN H. BELVIN, a principal suspect, in blowing stumps on BELVIN's property. [redacted] was completely uncooperative when interviewed and refused to discuss any Klan activities or members. [redacted] likewise have been uncooperative, standing on the Klan oath as their reason for not discussing any personalities or activities with the Agents. All of these individuals have emphatically denied taking any part in terrorist activities.

In view of the nature of the Klansmen in the area and their activities and the difficulty experienced in trying to elicit any information, it has been the objective of the current investigation to identify some individuals with terrorist activity which could in turn be used as a weapon in interrogating key associates of EARL J. BROOKLYN, TILLMAN H. BELVIN and JAMES B. JOHNSON and, finally, the main suspects themselves.

It is believed that with the vast background knowledge of the Agents on instant case, particularly of Klan activities, members and terrorist activities in the Orlando area [redacted] may be convinced he should talk. It has been demonstrated in interviews that certain Klansmen

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are considerably impressed with the knowledge of the interviewing Agents. Considerable information of value concerning BROOKLYN and other possible suspects was obtained from [redacted] and it is believed the only reason he talked or was cooperative is that the Agents were able to get across to him that they only wanted confirmation of knowledge already at hand.

It is believed that [redacted] may have been involved in the beating administered to [redacted] at the "favorite stomping ground" in Winter Garden, Florida. [redacted] described one man as a "yankie talking individual", age [redacted] weighing 140, thin to medium build. (On a subsequent interview [redacted] recalled that this individual had sandy to red hair.) The report of Special Agent O'MARA describes [redacted] as age [redacted] born [redacted] weight [redacted]

In this connection [redacted] stated he believed he could positively identify two of the men who flogged him and he will very definitely prosecute locally any individual actually identified in the flogging.

It is felt that if Klansmen or their associates in the Orlando area are involved in the plot against HARRY T. MOORE's life it is extremely important to learn the identities of persons who have participated in the so-called "trecking crews" and have taken persons out on "rides" and engaged generally in terrorist activity.

[redacted] has indicated he has taken part in five floggings, one involving a white man who was reported to be running around with women. When [redacted] was beaten he was told by the men that he should stay away from [redacted] and go back to his wife and children.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this Office be authorized to have [redacted] interviewed by two of the Agents who are most familiar with the Klan activity in the Apopka area in particular and the Orlando area in general. These Agents have personally interviewed many of [redacted] old associates and friends and may be able to obtain detailed information from him.

It is realized that such an interview out of the Miami territory involves some additional expense; however, if the Agents are able to elicit the desired information from [redacted] the expense would be more than compensated in the investigative time that would be saved. In the present stage of the investigation such an interview, if authorized, should be conducted as soon as possible. Therefore, if the Bureau approves of the Miami Agents conducting the interview it is requested the Miami Office be so advised by teletype.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information furnished by CI T-1 to effect that information furnished by an individual at Opelika, Alabama to [REDACTED] of Birmingham, indicating one E. E. CAMPBELL, former Grand Cyclops of Ku Klux Klan, Birmingham, was involved in instant case and possibly other bombings at Miami, Florida. [REDACTED] stated such information furnished him by that individual, but nothing definite upon which investigation might be conducted. Arrangements effected with [REDACTED] for interview of his informant by Bureau Agents. Investigation at Birmingham has revealed suspect CAMPBELL dropped Klan membership over year ago and outside interests now occupied primarily by activities in Civil Air Patrol, in which he holds rank of Captain, and Masonic Lodge, in which recently inducted. Work record and other sources reflect CAMPBELL in Birmingham from December 22, 1951, through December 25, 1951.

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they were in reality taking WOMACK, a case of mistaken identity. There is apparently some relationship, unknown at this time, between the incidents regarding COLEMAN and WOMACK due to the fact one was living with the sister of the other's wife.

It has been rumored in the Orlando area that DORA MAE MOSBY received word she had better get out of town or something would happen to her. She is presently residing at 170 First Street, Troy, New York, with Mrs. LEROY (DOROTHY) ROBINSON.

It is requested that the Albany Office interview DORA MAE MOSBY regarding the shooting of MELVIN WOMACK. In the conduct of investigation in Florida it has been determined that many of the victims of terrorist incidents and witnesses and relatives of victims are terrified and fear that if they cooperate with the FBI they may be subject to reprisals on the part of the persons participating in the terrorist incidents. Therefore, in interviewing DORA MAE it is important to convince her it is necessary for the benefit of her race that she cooperate with the Agents and that any fear of reprisals against [redacted] and LUTHER COLEMAN, be allayed. In this connection it is noted the COLEMANS have been very cooperative in this matter.

For the assistance of the Agents interviewing DORA MAE there are enclosed a group of photographs, identified only by name, of known Klansmen, many of whom are known to be on the Klan "wrecking crews", for exhibition to DORA MAE MOSBY. There are several poses of some individuals. After she has been interviewed the photographs should be returned to the Miami Office.

In the event she can effect an identification or furnish any information of value it should be incorporated in a signed statement. The Orange County Sheriff's Office performed a cursory investigation of the killing of WOMACK and the Miami Office has been advised by a confidential source in the Sheriff's Office that during the investigation DORA MAE was questioned as to whether there was any truth to the rumor she had been living with a white man and as a result he because of jealousy was instrumental in WOMACK's death. The source believed this was merely a "cover up" on the part of the investigator to distort facts regarding the persons responsible for the shooting.

DORA MAE MOSBY is described as approximately 45 years of age, light brown complexion, 130 pounds, wears glasses and is a very neat and good dresser.

It is requested this interview be given expeditious attention and in the event she effects an identification of any of the photographs that the Miami Office be advised by teletype.

enclosures: 55 photos

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DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

This is a joint report of Special Agent [redacted]
and the writer:

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RE: EDGAR ELLIS CAMPBELL, with alias
ELLIS CAMPBELL, with alias
"PECK" CAMPBELL

Investigation in instant case was reinstated by the Birmingham Office upon receipt of information from Temporary Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who advised on February 26, 1952, that he had just returned from a trip to Opelika, Alabama, which he had made in company with [redacted]

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Informant T-1 related that [redacted] had conducted several interviews at Opelika in an endeavor to elicit information seeking to identify the persons responsible for the bombing of the [redacted] residence at Phenix City, Alabama.

Informant T-1 stated one of the persons from whom [redacted] secured information is [redacted] at Opelika whose name he did not know, but whom he described as being in his [redacted] approximately

[redacted] and drives [redacted]. He stated [redacted] seemed to want to share in any reward money which [redacted] might collect and exacted a promise from [redacted] that if he turned up any information [redacted] would assure him that he would [redacted]. [redacted] also wanted money for gasoline and expenses in trying to secure information and [redacted] also promised this.

Informant T-1 related that [redacted] told [redacted] that within the past few days he had been in touch with "a big wheel member of the Klan" either in Georgia or South Alabama; that he knows one man did all of the bombing, both in Mims, Florida and Miami, Florida, and in Birmingham. He further indicated that at that time he did not know the identity of the individual, but was working up to it. He further related that one of his sources of information was one [redacted] T-1 described [redacted] in Electrical Engineering and a man of approximately [redacted] years of age. He also stated [redacted] is known

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by him in the past to have made a speech before the Opelika City Council condemning the proposed action of the Council to bar Klan parades in Opelika.

Informant T-1, continuing, stated that [redacted] told [redacted] he was a 100% Klansman and was going to meet with [redacted] on Friday night, February 22, 1952. T-1 stated [redacted] was observed in front of [redacted] home and, thereafter, [redacted] met with [redacted] telling him that he tried to get [redacted] to drink whiskey to loosen his tongue, but [redacted] would not touch anything alcoholic. He further related that [redacted] said he had secured the name of the individual responsible for the bombing, but could not remember it. He said it was similar to the name of a cigarette. [redacted] after mentioning a few of the popular brands, secured the information from [redacted] that the Klansman who did the bombing was named CAMPBELL.

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Informant T-1 stated that inasmuch as [redacted] was himself slightly under the influence of his own whisky at that time, in order to corroborate his information to the effect that CAMPBELL was responsible for the dynamiting, arrangements were made to have the salesman get some Klansmen to dynamite an old or ramshackled house outside of the city limits of Opelika and to plant the story with the Klokan, which is the Special Committee in the Klan which decides matters of policy that the house to be dynamited was a meeting place of Negro Communists and should be blown up. Informant T-1 related that this plan was not carried out as the same was disapproved by [redacted] of the State Highway Department, as being entrapment.

Informant T-1, continuing, stated [redacted] told [redacted] that there had been considerable talk regarding the dynamiting of a Negro cafe at Auburn. He was unable to identify the cafe.

Informant T-1 also stated that [redacted] was to proceed to LaGrange, Georgia on [redacted], where he was to meet BILL HENDRIX, head of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Florida, and another Klan official who was to be at LaGrange as a driver in the stock car races to be held there. T-1 stated HENDRIX was also formerly the head of the South Carolina Klan Club, but had "ex-communicated" that club two weeks before the Federal Bureau of Investigation round-up. He stated HENDRIX at the present time, has several clubs in South Alabama, one of which he knows to be located in Dothan, Alabama.

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Informant T-1 related that the meeting at LaGrange, Georgia did not take place as HENDRIX could not get there. He, thereafter, told [redacted] that he had talked to a high Klan official, believed by [redacted] to have been [redacted] and [redacted] reiterated that he had positive information that E. E. ~~CAMPBELL~~, Exalted Cyclops of the Robert E. Lee Klavern at Birmingham, Alabama, was the individual responsible for the Birmingham bombing, as well as the Florida bombing. [redacted] stated the bomber had only one regret in regard to his bombing and, according to T-1, that was the fact that a child had been hurt by one of the dynamite explosions. Informant stated the only child he can recall as having been even slightly injured was [redacted] who was in the [redacted] home at Phenix City, Alabama at the time it was damaged by dynamite.

Informant T-1 stated that E. E. CAMPBELL resides at 1902 Stouts Road in North Birmingham, is a Tennessee Coal and Iron Company worker, and his time slips at the plant would not prove his absence from work at the time of any of the bombings as, according to T-1, CAMPBELL has relatives there who fix up these time slips to show him in attendance and thereby give him an airtight alibi. T-1 stated that during his inquiries of the Birmingham bombings, he ascertained that CAMPBELL at that time had his own plane, a Piper Cub. Since then, the plane has been sold, but CAMPBELL is a Colonel and Commanding Officer of Civil Air Patrol No. 1 at Birmingham, and consequently, has planes at his disposal.

Informant T-1 related that the bombing in Mims, Florida, according to [redacted] information, was a deviation from the regular routine, as it was believed that some sort of clock had been used to detonate the dynamite on the Mims job. Ordinarily, the dynamiter preferred to throw the explosive from a moving vehicle.

Informant T-1 further stated he personally recalls that in about April 1950, E. E. CAMPBELL was questioned by [redacted] State Investigators [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office, and Detectives [redacted]. He stated that at that time CAMPBELL denied knowledge of the technique required to use dynamite. He was also evasive in answering any questions, particularly if [redacted] white residents of the area where the Negro houses were bombed, were Klan members. The only admissions secured from CAMPBELL was a statement to the effect that he had admitted at one time working with a man who had used dynamite in blowing stumps.

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Informant T-1 also related that in about April 1950, [redacted] who had been fired for Klan activities, was picked up at the request of the officers mentioned above and released after [redacted] the Southside City Jail, Birmingham, told these officers that they could not question him. [redacted] related that he had received his orders from Chief of Police FLOYD EDDINS. Informant T-1 stated one of the [redacted] called the Chief and the latter informed him that he had to take his orders from "higher up." T-1 stated he recalls [redacted] later thanked the [redacted] for telling the press that [redacted] had been picked up only to answer a question or two about his automobile and released. [redacted] indicated this statement got him out of an embarrassing position.

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T-1 also stated he subsequently learned that E. E. CAMPBELL had been picked up for questioning at the Ensley, Alabama Precinct, inasmuch as Detective Captain [redacted] had informed [redacted] that his information had "come up" with the name of E. E. CAMPBELL as the individual who did the North Smithfield bombing.

Informant T-1 specifically requested that Agents not endeavor to interview [redacted] in Opelika at this time, as this would violate the confidence which [redacted] had imposed in him. T-1 stated he intended to further question [redacted] with [redacted] and proceed to Tallahassee, Florida, and possibly Mims, Florida, with [redacted] to contact State Investigators and endeavor to correlate information which they had received with anything that the investigation in Florida might show linking the bombings to E. E. CAMPBELL.

In addition to [redacted] in Opelika, Informant T-1 knows that [redacted] is working with Informant T-2, a [redacted] who formerly cooperated with [redacted] to the extent that [redacted] in the Klan at Pell City, Alabama [redacted] (This refers to a Klan murder at Pell City, Alabama). Informant T-1 stated the leverage which [redacted] uses on T-2 is [redacted] in the beating of [redacted] by Klansmen near [redacted] Alabama several years ago.

The individual above described as [redacted] at Opelika, Alabama, who has been the informant of [redacted] will herein-after be referred to as the "Opelika informant."

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Subsequent to the above information, [redacted] at the request of Informant T-1, contacted reporting Agents and upon being interviewed at the Birmingham Office, substantiated the information received by him from his "Opelika informant" concerning suspect E. E. CAMPBELL. At that time, [redacted] stated he preferred not to divulge the name of this individual, indicating that he contemplated returning to Opelika and reinterviewing his informant there in the immediate future. He also stated he would, in all probability, after interviewing his "Opelika informant" then proceed to Tallahassee, Florida and interview [redacted] [redacted] handling the bombing case at Mims, Florida and by contact with this person, endeavor to correlate information which he had received from his sources of information with that already in the possession of [redacted]

During the interview with [redacted] he stated also that he was in contact with another informant of his at Birmingham in whom he had the greatest trust concerning cases of this nature, inasmuch as his "Birmingham informant" had previously given him valuable information in connection with the solving of a Klan murder in Pell City, Alabama which occurred approximately two years ago, and that his "Birmingham informant" [redacted] itself and was well acquainted generally throughout the Southeast [redacted] organization. [redacted] "Birmingham informant" will be hereinafter referred to as "T-2," and [redacted] indicated he had considerably more trust in any information furnished by T-2 than his "Opelika informant," inasmuch as the latter was apparently getting what information he might have second or third hand and was possibly motivated by personal desires to attempt to secure possible rewards in this case. Interview with T-2 will be set forth later in this report.

[redacted] Merchants Credit Association, produced a file on EDGAR ELLIS CAMPBELL who had also been variously known to them as ELLIS E. and ELLIS EDGAR CAMPBELL. The latest credit information which had been compiled on this individual was completed in November 1951.

The file reflected that he is 44 years of age, having been born on November 9, 1908. [redacted] CAMPBELL has been employed as a machinist, Tennessee Coal and Iron Company in Birmingham since 1937, and earns approximately \$4,000.00 per year. The file shows his former employers as Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and the Goslem Birmingham Manufacturing Company, dates of same not shown. It was

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further reflected from the credit file that CAMPBELL enjoys a good business reputation and was not known to have been engaged in any "illegal or unethical practices." The file also indicated that no complaint or criticism had been received in regard to the character, habits or morals of this individual. The file did not contain any newspaper clippings or references to any past or present Klan activity on the part of CAMPBELL. His residence was shown as 1902 Stouts Road, Birmingham, Alabama. This residence was indicated as being owned by relatives of CAMPBELL's wife.

A review of the files of the Birmingham Office revealed that during the late 1940's, CAMPBELL was Exalted Cyclops of the Robert E. Lee Klavern No. 1 of the Federated Ku Klux Klans, Inc. He did not receive a great deal of newspaper notoriety in this capacity. Informant stated that he was recognized as the leader and motivating influence in Klan activity in Jefferson County, Alabama during the period which he headed the Robert E. Lee Klavern. During the "Klan Trials" held in Circuit Court, Jefferson County, Birmingham, Alabama, after numerous instances of floggings while masked were attributed to Klan members during the early months of 1949, CAMPBELL avoided a great deal of newspaper publicity which was received by other Klan officials at Birmingham, including WILLIAM HUGH MORRIS, head of the Federated Ku Klux Klan, Inc. During the course of these trials, numerous photographs of WILLIAM HUGH MORRIS and other Klan officials appeared in the Birmingham press, but although news photographers were known to have taken pictures of E. E. CAMPBELL during that period, his photograph was never published in connection with his Klan activities.

Based upon information appearing in letter from the Miami Office to the Bureau dated January 11, 1952, setting forth the dates and circumstances surrounding additional bombings in Miami, Florida, as well as the instant case, contact was had with a confidential source, T-3, an official of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, a U. S. Steel subsidiary, with reference to the time and attendance records of suspect CAMPBELL during the periods September 22, 1951, (Carver Village); November 30, 1951, (Jewish schools and centers); December 23, 1951 (St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church) and the instant case, 10:30 p.m., December 25, 1951.

The following work record of suspect CAMPBELL, preceding and following the dates above, is set forth, noting that CAMPBELL is employed on the night shift of the Fairfield Steel Plant of the company from 11:00 p.m., to 7:00 a.m., and the hours worked under the individual dates set forth below refer to the day in which the seven hours of his

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shift were worked, i.e., the table shows on December 25, 1951, as CAMPBELL being "off duty," however, eight hours' work were reflected on December 26, 1951, which means that he reported on his regular shift at 11:00 p.m., Christmas night, December 25, 1951, and worked through the end of his shift 7:00 a.m., December 26, 1951.

September 1951

W	T	F	S	S	M	T
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Off	Off	8 hours				

November 1951

T	W	T	F	S	S	M
27	28	29	30	Dec. 1	2	3
8 hours	8 hours	8 hours	8 hours	Off	8 hours	Off

December 1951

S	S	M	T	W	T	F
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8 hours	Off	Off	Off	8 hours	8 hours	8 hours

Subsequently T-3 was contacted with reference to additional information which might reflect that suspect CAMPBELL did, in fact, begin his tour of duty at 11:00 p.m., December 25, 1951. This source subsequently advised he had definitely and discretely established that CAMPBELL was present and had worked on that shift, basing his comments upon contact with CAMPBELL's supervisor and a review of the "job record" of work performed by CAMPBELL on that night. In connection with the "job record," T-3 stated that when CAMPBELL entered on duty at 11:00 p.m., December 25, 1951, his "job record" showed him working on a particular job assignment which had the same "job number" as the work he was performing on his last tour of duty, but that during this particular shift, he had completed that item and was assigned to, and began working on, another "job number." T-3 stated it would have been impossible for this re-assignment of job work to have occurred in the records of this company had not suspect CAMPBELL been present at that time to receive his assignment and begin working on the new "job number."

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Inasmuch as [redacted] State Investigator, subsequent to initial interview with him, indicated that E. E. CAMPBELL was an officer in the Civil Air Patrol at Birmingham and also is known to have owned an airplane of his own and believed by [redacted] to have possibly made some trips into Florida, contact was had with Captain [redacted] and Colonel [redacted]

[redacted] Captain [redacted] Director of the Birmingham Contingent of the Civil Air Patrol, having his office in Building T-390, Birmingham Municipal Airport, and Colonel [redacted] is Director of the Department of Aeronautics of the State of Alabama, with offices at Montgomery, Alabama, but who was present with Captain [redacted] during interview with him.

Captain [redacted] produced the original application of suspect EDGAR ELLIS CAMPBELL at the time he joined the Civil Air Patrol on June 11, 1948. From this, it was noted he resides at 1902 Stouts Road, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone 3-1702, and in addition to physical description which will be set forth later in this report, a list of his references given was noted to contain the name WILLIAM HUGH MORRIS, 522 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Birmingham (head of the Klan in Alabama) and [redacted]

[redacted] Birmingham, and [redacted] residence [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama. (The latter two persons are [redacted]. (CAMPBELL reflected that at one time he owned a BT13A (Consolidated Vultee) plane which bore NC number 65801, but according to Captain [redacted] this plane has not been flown for a period of one or two years and was disposed of by CAMPBELL. It was the information of Captain [redacted] that CAMPBELL and another individual had intended using this plane to fly seafood from Mobile to Birmingham daily, but their possible business venture never materialized.

The application reflected serial number assigned to CAMPBELL by the Civil Air Patrol was 4-6-1313, and at the present time he is Squadron Leader of Birmingham Squadron No. 1 of the Civil Air Patrol and holds the rating of a Captain in that organization. CAMPBELL's application reflected he has soloed several hundred hours and has had flying experience with practically all of the smaller type aircraft and also BT13's and PT19's. Captain [redacted] indicated that if he was able to fly these aircraft, he was capable of flying anything.

A check of the logs of the Civil Air Patrol produced by Captain [redacted] reflected no flights out of Birmingham made by CAMPBELL during or immediately preceding any of the dates pertinent to this and related investigations. Captain [redacted] indicated, however, that CAMPBELL

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was well known and popular among aviation circles around the Birmingham Municipal Airport and that it would have been an easy matter for him to secure the loan of any smaller type plane that he might desire to use at any time. Captain [redacted] also stated that during the past year or so, CAMPBELL has exhibited a keen interest in the Civil Air Patrol work and was rated by him as a good officer in his organization. He stated that the man personally has always impressed him as being relatively quiet, unassuming, almost bordering on meekness, and that he has never given him any cause to suspicion his activities. Captain [redacted] incidentally, had not noted previously the name of WILLIAM HUGH MORRIS appearing on CAMPBELL's application blank as a reference.

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[redacted] Communication Section, Civil Aeronautics Authority, was contacted with reference to any record of possible flights of CAMPBELL during pertinent periods, which might have been made by him in privately owned planes. [redacted] advised that his office was not required to maintain such records of small planes leaving the Birmingham Municipal Airport and that no such record would be available to check.

In an effort to determine what contacts suspect CAMPBELL may have made [redacted] with persons residing in the State of Florida, through the cooperation of T-4, of known reliability, [redacted]

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[redacted] whom he described as an employee of the [redacted] with 30 years' service. He further related that during the period [redacted]

[redacted] Investigation subsequently revealed that she is, in all probability, an aunt of suspect CAMPBELL, as it is known that "Uncle GEORGE" CAMPBELL of Tennessee visited suspect CAMPBELL during the Christmas season of 1951.

Subsequently [redacted] contacted reporting Agents and advised he had made another trip to Opelika to see his informant there and at that time, that individual had no definite information in his possession which would implicate suspect CAMPBELL other than that previously reported. [redacted] stated his informant could not give him any leads to definitely

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implicate or eliminate suspect CAMPBELL and that his informant merely kept reiterating that in his opinion CAMPBELL was involved in the Florida bombings.

It should be noted at this point that [redacted] "Opelika informant" is the only individual who has implicated CAMPBELL in instant violation in any manner and that his "Birmingham informant" whose interview will be reported later in this report under another section, T-2, was of no such opinion that CAMPBELL was involved in the incidents.

On the night of March 7, 1952, [redacted] contacted reporting Agent and advised he had received a telephone call from an individual at Jasper, Alabama who had previously been contacted by him during his investigation of Klan activities and floggings in the Birmingham area a year or so ago, in which that individual related that [redacted] referred to below as T-5, would possibly like to give some information concerning Klan activities. It was [redacted] opinion that T-5 might be able to assist in instant investigation and accordingly, T-5 was contacted by reporting Agent and [redacted] at the residence of [redacted] Alabama on March 8, 1952.

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Informant T-5, who appeared to be sincere in his statements, related that from [redacted] he was a member of the [redacted] and during the latter period of [redacted] to that organization under [redacted]. He stated that at the present time he has completely disassociated himself from the Klan, although he did state that when he first joined it he was impressed with the "ritual" of the organization, but did not condone any "strong arm" methods of some of the membership. He stated that the latter incidents of violence were handled by an innermost secret organization within the Klan known as the Klavaliuers, but he was never invited to join that group. At the present time, T-5 stated [redacted] the Federal Court at Birmingham, [redacted] the Post Office Inspectors with causing the mails to be used to a pamphlet prepared by WILLIAM HUGH MORRIS, head of the Klan, but mailed [redacted] to individuals on the mailing list whom MORRIS considered to be "friends" of the Klan. This pamphlet was entitled "Klan Intelligence Report" and the objectionable matter for which [redacted] MORRIS [redacted] indicted appeared in the latter portion wherein an attack was made on the organization of Elks.. T-5 stated that [redacted] [redacted] the complaint filed by the Post Office Inspectors, that WILLIAM

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HUGH MORRIS had [redacted] legal assistance
[redacted] T-5 stated due to that effect, he is not
at all on friendly terms with MORRIS at this time. [redacted]

In reply to inquiries concerning suspect E. E. CAMPBELL, T-5 stated he was well acquainted with that individual and knew definitely that CAMPBELL had been a member of the Klan and was Exalted Cyclops of the Robert E. Lee Klavern at Birmingham, but that in the definite knowledge of himself, T-5, CAMPBELL resigned from the Klan over a year ago and has taken no active interest in Klan activities since his resignation. T-5 stated CAMPBELL's whole interest now outside his regular employment appears to be taken up with work with the Civil Air Patrol. T-5, at this time, had no other definite information which might be of interest in this case.

In furtherance of investigation to determine the whereabouts of suspect CAMPBELL during the period immediately preceding the Mims bombing, in instant case, the following investigation was conducted:

Mrs. MATTIE D. SMITH, widow of WILLIAM W. SMITH, who is a reliable individual and presently employed by the Title Guarantee Company at Birmingham and who resides in the residence at 1922 Stouts Road, Birmingham, which is the closest residence on the same side of the street as that occupied by E. E. CAMPBELL, was contacted by reporting Agents. She stated that for 15 or 20 years she has been very close to Mrs. E. E. CAMPBELL and visits daily with her, either in her own home or in the CAMPBELL residence. She recalled that on Christmas Day, 1951, having visited the CAMPBELL residence and although she does not distinctly recall whether E. E. CAMPBELL himself was in the living room, she is sure in her own mind that individual was either at home or at Birmingham on that day and during the week end immediately preceding Christmas. She stated Mr. CAMPBELL personally has been a very good neighbor and that she has never heard anything derogatory concerning him. She is of the firm belief that had E. E. CAMPBELL been away from his residence for the day or so before December 25, 1951, that she would have learned about it through his wife.

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who reside in the residence at [redacted] immediately in front of, and across the street from, the CAMPBELL residence, were discreetly contacted. Both these individuals stated they have almost daily contact with one of the members of the Campbell household and that during the period

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December 23, through December 25, 1951, they are fairly certain that Mr. CAMPBELL was at home. [redacted] further recalled definitely that on Saturday, December 22, 1951, while she was temporarily engaged as a sales clerk in the Faust Jewelry Store at 3004 - 27th Street, North Birmingham, Mr. CAMPBELL came into the store about 3:00 p.m. that afternoon, accompanied by an uncle known as "Uncle GEORGE" CAMPBELL, of Murphreesboro, Tennessee. At this time, CAMPBELL and his uncle were accompanied by a small child of a neighbor named WILLIAMS, whom Mrs. CAMPBELL had offered to keep during that day while the child's mother was engaged in sales work at a downtown store. [redacted] recalled CAMPBELL had just taken this child to a nearby barber shop for a haircut and he and his uncle appeared to be merely shopping and entertaining the child during the afternoon. She places the date of Saturday, December 22, 1951, definitely because she was assisted temporarily during that day by her husband, [redacted] in helping the sales force and Saturday is the only day he could have helped her, being off from his regular work on that date immediately prior to Christmas.

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During the interview with [redacted] she stated E. E. CAMPBELL has a reliable brother, HENDON B. "HUMP" CAMPBELL, who operated the Chambers Cleaners in North Birmingham and whom she stated could be expected to offer his assistance in any investigation.

Mr. HENDON B. CAMPBELL, known as "HUMP" CAMPBELL, who operates the Chambers Cleaners with main offices located at 3411 - 27th Street, North Birmingham, who resides at 2314 - 34th Avenue, was contacted with reference to his knowledge of the whereabouts of his brother, E. E. CAMPBELL, during the period December 22 - 25, 1951. Mr. CAMPBELL stated since he was older than his brother, E. E., he had not been closely associated with him throughout the years and only infrequently visited in the brother's home. He was unable to recall definitely having seen him during December 22, 23, and 24, 1951, but was of the opinion that he and his wife had Christmas dinner on December 25, 1951, together with his brother, E. E. CAMPBELL and his wife, at the residence of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. CAMPBELL, at 3428 - 35th Avenue. During the interview, Mr. CAMPBELL inquired generally if interviewing Agents were concerned in any manner with Klan activities and volunteered the information that his brother, E. E. CAMPBELL, had for several years until approximately 1950, been connected with a local Klan organization and that he had on numerous occasions attempted to have his brother disassociate himself from that organization. He stated in his opinion, E. E. CAMPBELL now, and for approximately a year, has had no connection with Klan activities and spends most of his spare time either

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with the Civil Air Patrol or working in the Masonic Lodge in which he has, during the past year, been inducted. Mr. CAMPBELL offered his cooperation in whatever manner possible and appeared to be a reliable individual.

Subsequent to the above interview, Mr. HENDON B. CAMPBELL communicated with reporting Agents and advised he did not have Christmas dinner with his mother as he had previously stated. He related that he now recalled that his wife was sick and with her parents in Centerville, Alabama and on Christmas Day he went to Centerville to be with her. He further related he had ascertained from his mother, Mrs. GEORGE G. CAMPBELL, that his brother E. E. CAMPBELL was at home with his family on Christmas Day.

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[redacted] care of Gammill Drug Company, Second Avenue and 24th Street North, advised he is [redacted] of suspect E. E. CAMPBELL, having [redacted] who is apparently entirely reliable, was requested to assist Agents in endeavoring to determine the activities and whereabouts of [redacted] E. E. CAMPBELL between December 22 and December 25, 1951. [redacted] [redacted] advised that inasmuch as this was his busy season of the year, he would have been working most of this time and possibly would have only been with [redacted] E. E. CAMPBELL, on one occasion during the Christmas season. He indicated, however, that without suspicion he could determine from his wife or possibly other members of his family where they had their various family reunions, who was present, and also determine something about the activities of E. E. CAMPBELL [redacted]

[redacted] subsequently advised he had determined that on Sunday, December 23, 1951, he and his wife had dinner at the home of his [redacted] Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE G. CAMPBELL, 3428 - 12th Avenue North. He stated he went there to dinner at about 11:30 a.m., and remained until 3:30 p.m. Also present were ELLIS CAMPBELL (E. E.) and his wife [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] and Mrs. JOHN E. ELLIS, an aunt. He related that HENDON B. CAMPBELL was there, but the wife of the latter was not present. He advised he and his wife were the first to leave this family gathering and when he left, all the above named individuals were still at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE G. CAMPBELL.

[redacted] related that he did not see E. E. CAMPBELL on Monday, December 24, or Tuesday, December 25, 1951. He recalls, however, that [redacted] and Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE G. CAMPBELL had dinner

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with him and his wife at their home on Christmas Day. He does not know where E. E. CAMPBELL and his wife were on Christmas Day, but is of the opinion that they had dinner at their own residence.

For the completion of the file, the following is a description of suspect CAMPBELL as obtained from records of the Civil Air Patrol:

Name:	EDGAR ELLIS CAMPBELL
Age:	44
Born:	November 9, 1908, Birmingham, Alabama.
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	162 lbs.
Complexion:	Ruddy
Scars or Marks:	Scar right thumb
Residence:	1902 Stouts Road, Birmingham, Alabama.
Occupation:	Machinist, Fairfield Steel Plant, Tennessee Coal and Iron Company.

Enclosure: For the Bureau and auxiliary offices:

Photograph of EDGAR ELLIS CAMPBELL.

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RE: [redacted]

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The above individual has been referred to in this report as T-2 and has also been referred to in teletype communications as [redacted] "Birmingham informant." Through the cooperation of [redacted] that individual on March 6, 1952, made contact with his "Birmingham informant" and as a result thereof, secured the permission of that individual, in whom [redacted] has previously stated he has the greatest of trust as far as information furnished, for contact with him by Agents.

Reporting Agents met [redacted] [redacted] on the evening of March 6, 1952, and thereafter interviewed him at the Birmingham Office. At that time [redacted] advised as follows:

He stated he resides at [redacted] Alabama and is presently employed [redacted] [redacted] concern in Birmingham. He has been so employed for the past two years. [redacted] also related that he has also [redacted]

[redacted] stated he is [redacted] years of age, is [redacted] [redacted] He advised that during 1948, 1949, and possibly part of 1950, he was active in the Klan organization at Birmingham, and during a portion of that period, he was [redacted] [redacted] He also advised he is well acquainted with [redacted]

[redacted] sometime during 1949, at which approximately 2,000 members were present. On that occasion, [redacted] upon invitation extended to him by BILL HENDRIX, head of the Southern Knights of Ku Klux Klan, Tallahassee, Florida. On that occasion [redacted] the Alabama Klan. He stated BILL HENDRIX [redacted] described HENDRIX as the "front man" for the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Florida which organization he states in his opinion is actually dominated by [redacted] of Jacksonville, Florida

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whom he stated is the actual motivating influence of the Florida Klan and that BILL HENDRIX merely gets the publicity for same.

[redacted] at this time also indicated he was acquainted with [redacted] one Reverend SCHULER (phonetic) whom he described as being a retired Baptist Minister, formerly very active in Klan affairs in Georgia and Florida and who at one time had a large Baptist Church at Jacksonville, Florida. [redacted] stated he believes this individual now may have resumed his preaching and may be pastor of a relatively small Baptist church either in Jacksonville or possibly at Atlanta, Georgia. He described this individual as one who would probably know a great deal about Klan activities in the State of Florida and who would undoubtedly know whether or not the Klan had instigated the bombings at Mims, Florida and possibly Miami.

As background information, [redacted] related that the Federated Ku Klux Klan, Inc., which is the Alabama branch, was originally intended to be a ramification of the Association of Georgia Klans, of which Dr. SAMUEL GREEN, now deceased, was the Imperial Wizard. [redacted] related that Dr. GREEN sent WILLIAM HUGH MORRIS to Alabama to reactivate the Klan, but he instead became obsessed with an idea of setting up his own independent group and with the assistance of [redacted] formed the Federated Ku Klux Klan, Inc. [redacted] stated it was shortly after the organization of this latter group by MORRIS, [redacted] that [redacted] for six or eight months. He related this job was strictly honorary and he did not receive any pay from it. He remarked, however, that in this capacity he met frequently with Klan groups from North and South Carolina and Florida and as a result thereof, came to know a good many Klansmen and to be known to everyone associated with these groups [redacted] from the State of Alabama.

[redacted] further related [redacted] has been out of the Klan for approximately [redacted] years. [redacted] did not formally resign, but "quietly slipped out with no hard feelings." [redacted] disassociation has never been publicized and [redacted] could visit Klan leaders in Florida, particularly BILL HENDRIX.

[redacted] whether or not the Klan was in any way responsible for any of the various bombings either in Miami or at Mims, Florida. [redacted] it was entirely possible

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that the Klan might not be responsible for any of these bombings, but he believed the Klan entirely responsible [redacted] if it was responsible in any degree [redacted] would be able to determine this by visiting HENDRIX and other Klan leaders. [redacted] a letter to BILL HENDRIX at Tallahassee [redacted] of the Federated Ku Klux Klan, Inc., [redacted] and suggest to HENDRIX [redacted]

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[redacted] desired to visit [redacted]
[redacted] who resided in Orlando, Florida.

It should be noted at this time that [redacted] expressed his willingness and desire to be of assistance in the instant case and throughout the interview, gave the impression of sincerity in his statements. He is considerably concerned over any possibility that [redacted] to persons outside of the Bureau, stating that [redacted]

It should also be noted [redacted] any information whatsoever at this time indicating any implication of Klansmen from the Birmingham area in the Florida bombings [redacted]

It should also be noted that [redacted] [redacted] is desirous of securing any payment or rewards should his efforts be successful in solving the Mims case [redacted]

It should also be noted at this time that inquiry was made [redacted] as to any knowledge he might have concerning possible implication of E. E. CAMPBELL in the Florida bombings and [redacted] stated definitely that in his opinion CAMPBELL would have had nothing to do with the incidents inasmuch as to his personal knowledge CAMPBELL has been "out of the Klan" for over a year.

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As of the date of this report [redacted] advised he has not received a reply from Klan leader BILL HENDRIX, Tallahassee, Florida, regarding [redacted] but will notify reporting Agents immediately should he receive a communication from HENDRIX. He indicated he had "heard" that HENDRIX has been travelling considerably of late over Florida, South Georgia and also attended a Klan gathering at Mobile, Alabama one week end recently.

RE: [redacted]

Concerning this individual, the Bureau and Miami were advised by letters from Birmingham dated March 5, and March 7, 1952, that [redacted] would possibly be available to proceed to the vicinity of Orlando, Florida and Winter Garden, Florida and fraternize with members of the Klan organizations in those areas for development of possible information concerning instant case.

Responsive to Miami teletype of March 13, 1952, and Bureau teletype of March 15, 1952, in which Miami requested to be advised of the availability of [redacted] for such a purpose and the Bureau likewise desired information concerning his possibilities, the Bureau was advised by letter with air mail copies to Miami and Mobile that [redacted] was recontacted and stated at the present time he will be [redacted]

Other information furnished by Birmingham at that time indicates that [redacted] would be available any time after the date of [redacted] for such a purpose.

LEADS

THE MIAMI DIVISION

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Will report its efforts to discreetly determine the present whereabouts of the Reverend SCHULER (phonetic) who formerly was pastor of a rather large Baptist Church at Jacksonville, and who formerly was reported

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by informant T-2 to have been actively engaged in Klan activities in the State of Florida. Information related to SCHULER was reported in teletype from Birmingham to Bureau, Miami and Mobile March 7, 1952, and additional lead set forth in Birmingham teletype March 22, 1952. The whereabouts of Reverend SCHULER at this time would be of interest to Informant T-2 of Birmingham, should he proceed to Orlando, Florida.

THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT [redacted] ALABAMA

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Will, [redacted] determine the availability of [redacted] to act as a confidential informant in the Orlando and Winter Garden, Florida areas.

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Will report results of [redacted] Informant T-2 to BILL HENDRIX concerning [redacted]

[redacted] Will, likewise, advise the Bureau immediately upon receipt of a reply from BILL HENDRIX to Informant T-2's [redacted] in order that suitable request might be made of the Bureau for travel expenses of Informant T-2 to be defrayed.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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Informant T-2 - [redacted]

Informant T-3 - [redacted]

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Informant T-4

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REFERENCES

Birmingham Teletypes dated:

February 28, 1952
March 5, 1952
March 7, 1952
March 10, 1952
March 12, 1952
March 15, 1952
March 19, 1952
March 22, 1952

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)

DATE: March 24, 1952

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE,
HARRIET MOORE (deceased) - VICTIMS
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In connection with the investigation being conducted in the above captioned case, the fatal shooting of MELVIN WOMACK, a negro at Oakland, Florida, has come under consideration as possibly having some bearing on instant matter inasmuch as persons responsible for this murder may also have been involved in the murder of victims HARRY T. and HARRIET MOORE.

MELVIN WOMACK, a 27 year old negro, resided at Oakland, Florida, during March, 1951, with one DORA MAE MOSBY. According to statements made by DORA MAE to the Sheriff's Office, she and WOMACK were living as man and wife and had intentions of marrying.

On March 28, 1951, at approximately 10:45 P.M., four white men appeared at the house and forcibly took WOMACK from the house. WOMACK was later found on March 29, 1951, at approximately 9:30 A.M. by Constable CARL SANDERS of Winter Garden, Florida. He was lying alongside the road on the edge of an orange grove mortally wounded. He was taken to the office of Dr. ALBERT GLEASON at Winter Garden who after examining WOMACK instructed that he be hospitalized. He was thereafter taken to the Orange Memorial Hospital at Orlando. Examination reflected he had several gunshot wounds, reported to have been from shotgun slugs. He was hospitalized March 29, 1951, at approximately 12:30 P.M. and died March 31, 1951, at approximately 1:25 A.M. without divulging the identity of his assailants.

For the information of the Albany Office, one LUTHER COLEMAN, negro, while working as a janitor at the First National Bank of Winter Garden, Florida, was accosted on the sidewalk beside the bank at about 7:00 P.M. February 6, 1951, and after being beaten on the head with clubs was taken across the street and told to get in an automobile and lie on the floor. COLEMAN managed to break away from his abductors and while running he heard one man yell to shoot him. He heard a shot fired which apparently creased his right leg, causing him to fall. The commotion and the screaming of COLEMAN apparently frightened the abductors and the group, number unknown, fled in two automobiles.

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DORA MAE MOSBY is the [REDACTED] wife of LUTHER COLEMAN. The speculation among certain Klansmen in the Orlando area is to the effect that COLEMAN having escaped the first attempt on his life, a second attempt was made and while the assailants thought they were getting COLEMAN

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 18, 1952.

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: MISDIRECTED MAIL

Rebulet 3-17-52 calling attention to a yellow file copy of a memorandum received at the Bureau, which memorandum was prepared by SA [redacted] 2-27-52, re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Dynamiting of Negro Homes in North Smithfield Division, Birmingham, Alabama, March 25, 1949 - Civil Rights.

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A review of the file in the Birmingham office entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, HARRY T. MOORE (Deceased), HARRIET MOORE (Deceased) - VICTIMS, CR, Birmingham file 44-244, Miami origin, reflects that instant memorandum was transmitted to the Bureau by AMSD letter from the Birmingham Office dated 2-29-52, as an enclosure. The Birmingham file contains a copy of this memorandum. It is, therefore, not believed that any misdirection of mail occurred in this instance, inasmuch as it is possible that the memorandum referred to became detached from the letter transmitting same after arrival at the Bureau. The memorandum is attached for completion of the Bureau file in the Moore case.

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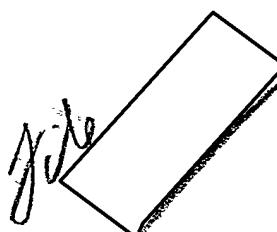
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, ETAL, VICTIMS, CR. REBUTEL MARCH TWENTY. ADVISE DATE REPORT SUBMITTED AND NAME OF REPORTING AGENT. SUTEL RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH INFORMANT OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT OPELIKA.

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FBI, BIRMINGHAM

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, ETAL VICTIMS, CR. REBUTEL TODAY.

REPORT OF SA HENRY A. SNOW DATED MARCH TWENTY FIRST, NINETEEN
FIFTYTWO AT BIRMINGHAM FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU. RESULTS OF
INTERVIEW WITH INFORMANT OF [REDACTED] AT OPELIKA INCLUDED
IN TELETYPE FORWARDED BUREAU TEN FIFTY AM CST TODAY.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIET MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR.

REMYTEL TWENTIETH INSTANT. UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONCERNING TWO FEMALE SCHOOLTEACHERS. BELIEVE INCIDENT RELATED BY [REDACTED] TO BE THE ONE REFERRED TO IN LAST REPORT ON PAGE FIFTYTWO.
THE [REDACTED] REFERRED TO NOW MARRIED TO [REDACTED] RECENTLY

DISCHARGED FROM ORLANDO AFB AND RESIDING IN PORTSMOUTH, VA. IDENTITY OTHER GIRL UNKNOWN. [REDACTED], FORMER FELLOW EMPLOYEE OF EARL BROOKLYN, ADVISED HE WAS RECRUITED INTO KLAN BY BROOKLYN. DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN WHICH BROOKLYN OR OTHER KLANSMEN INVOLVED. DESCRIBES BROOKLYN AS IGNORANT INDIVIDUAL WHO QUOTE LIKES TO DISH IT OUT BUT CAN-T TAKE IT UNQUOTE. BELIEVES BROOKLYN WOULD ENGAGE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IF BACKED BY OTHER KLANSMEN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESENT EC, SK, KKK, TO BE INTERVIEWED TOMORROW. [REDACTED] REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BANISHED FROM AGK AND TO HAVE ENGAGED IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY. NAMED BY [REDACTED] AS ONE OF THE LOADERS WHO WHIPPED THE TWO GIRLS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

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✓ Mr. Belmont
✓ Mr. Clegg
✓ Mr. Glavin
✓ Mr. Harlan
✓ Mr. Rosen
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✓ Mrs. Tamm

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. S.I.R. 6

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED TODAY. ADMITTED BEING IN AGK AT WINTER GARDEN UNTIL LATTER PART OF FORTYEIGHT OR EARLY PART OF FORTYNINE. DECLINED ANY IMPLICATION IN ANY TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OR KNOWLEDGE OF BEATING OF [REDACTED]. ADMITTED MAKING TRIPS ABOUT THE STATE OF FLA. ON KLAN BUSINESS BUT CLAIMS HE WAS NOT A SPOKESMAN OR AN OFFICIAL OF THE KLAN AT TIME. [REDACTED] ALSO INTERVIEWED, BUT COMPLETELY UNCOOPERATIVE, STANDING ON KLAN OATH NOT TO REVEAL ANY INFO. DENIED BEING PRESENT EC. STATED HE WAS [REDACTED] PAREN KLUD PAREN. DENIED HE EVER WENT ON ANY RIDES OR PARTICIPATED IN ANY BEATINGS OR ANY SHOOTINGS. HE WAS INFORMED THAT HE HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PARTICIPATING IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BUT EMPHATICALLY DENIED SAME. REFUSED TO DISCUSS ANY INDIVIDUALS IN KLAN. DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HARRY MOORE BOMBING. JAMES ROY GUDGER INTERVIEWED, UNCOOPERATIVE. DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE TERRORIST INCIDENTS AND SPECIFICALLY THOSE REFERRED TO IN SIGNED STATEMENT OF WILLARD SMITH OR THE [REDACTED]

BEATING, STOOD ON KLAN

OATH AND REFUSED TO DISCUSS ANY INDIVIDUALS. JOSEPH N. COX INTERVIEWED

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5 MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST AT HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS FOR GENERAL INFO AS
7 APR 11 1952 FORMER KLANSMAN. COX COMMITTED SUICIDE AM, MARCH THIRTY LAST, REASON UNKNOWN. AT TIME OF INTERVIEW COX GAVE NO INDICATION OF SUICIDAL

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TENDENCIES. FURNISHED NO INFO OF VALUE INSTANT INVESTIGATION, ALTHOUGH COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS. RAYMOND G. HOWELL CLAIMS HE HAS NOT BEEN IN KLAN SINCE MARCH, FORTYNINE. ADMITTED BEING EC IN FORTYEIGHT AND SECRETARY FORTYSEVEN. DENIES KNOWLEDGE INSTANT CASE AND TERRORIST INCIDENTS. [REDACTED] CLAIMS NOT MEMBER KLAN SINCE ELECTION, FORTYEIGHT AND THEN ONLY FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

[REDACTED] DENIES A KLAN IS PRESENTLY IN EXISTENCE,
ALSO ANY KNOWLEDGE INSTANT CASE.

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR AL ROSEN

UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, VICTIM. ATTEMPT MADE YESTERDAY TO INTERVIEW
ROY GUDGER BUT LATTER NOT AVAILABLE. SUBSEQUENT TO CONTACT WITH GUDGER

ADVISED HE HAD HEARD FROM THAT GUDGER WAS

COMING TO RA OFFICE FOR INTERVIEW AND GUDGER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY OTHER KLANSMEN TO KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT REGARDING KLAN ACTIVITIES OR TERRORIST INCIDENTS. GUDGER TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TODAY HE IS ILL AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO INTERVIEW HIM SEVEN PM MONDAY. RE INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED AND REPORTED TO EFFECT A MADISON COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF INQUIRING AT MIMS, FLORIDA RE HARRY T. MOORE. [REDACTED] SHERIFF MADISON COUNTY ON INTERVIEW ADVISED HE RECEIVED A LETTER IN NINETEEN FIFTY FROM A HARRY T. MOORE CASTIGATING HIM FOR THE DEATH OF ERNEST THOMAS, ONE OF THE ALLEGED RAPISTS IN GROVELAND MATTER WHO WAS SHOT IN MADISON COUNTY BY A POSSE. SHERIFF [REDACTED] STATED ON AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, FIFTY HE WAS DRIVING TO SOUTH FLORIDA ON BUSINESS TRIP AND STOPPED AT MIMS TO BUY GASOLINE. WHILE THERE INQUIRED OF SOME WHITE PEOPLE AT FILLING STATION AS TO WHO HARRY MOORE WAS AND WAS TOLD MOORE WAS A COLORED SCHOOL TEACHER. TOOK NO FURTHER ACTION AND PROCEEDED ON HIS BUSINESS TRIP. CLAIMS HE NEVER HEARD FROM MOORE AGAIN AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF MOORE BOMBING.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)
FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

DATE: April 5, 1952

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE,
HAROLD MOORE (deceased) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Revert to Director and all auxiliary Offices, 1-12-52.

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During the course of instant investigation information was received to the effect that several members of the Winter Garden group of the Ku Klux Klan took out and severely beat two young girls, possibly age 16, allegedly because they had been bathing nude. According to information developed, one of these girls was named [redacted] (phonetic). According to the best information available this incident took place about 1947. Several Klansmen reportedly appeared at the lake where the girls were bathing nude with two gentlemen friends and called the couples ashore. The man made good their escape but the girls were caught and driven to a nearby orange grove located near Black Lake, Winter Garden, Florida. There they were forced to lie on the ground and submit to a severe beating with orange tree switches.

Other information developed indicates a Klansman, name unknown, who was married and who has a family was attempting to date [redacted] at about this time. She steadfastly refused his advances. According to information developed at the time the beating was over one of the men in the group reportedly said to her "I'll bet the next time a married man asked you to go out with him you'll go."

According to one source of information [redacted] whose identity should be maintained in confidence, one of the individuals who was on this "ride" was [redacted]. According to [redacted] told him she had seen [redacted] that all the other men in the party were hooded. *Exhibit 124* (abc)

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Other information developed indicates that [redacted] closest girl friend was [redacted] whereabouts presently unknown. The possibility exists that [redacted] was the other girl involved in instant beating.

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cc: Norfolk (encls)(AIR MAIL)

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According to [redacted]

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[redacted] He and [redacted] were divorced about a year ago and she has since remarried. She is presently married to one [redacted]. At the time of their marriage about six weeks ago [redacted] was in the process of being detached from the Army. He had been attached to the Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida. [redacted] stated he learned from [redacted] who presently lives in Stuart, Florida, that [redacted] is residing with her husband in [redacted] Virginia.

Inquiry at the Air Force Base, Orlando, reveals that [redacted] served until March 5, 1952, with the rank of Private First Class under serial number [redacted]. His home address was on record as [redacted] Virginia. Another address appearing on this record is [redacted] which was given as the place where he could be contacted while on leave in 1951.

The Norfolk Office is requested to contact [redacted] in the absence of her husband and, if possible, without his knowledge, for the purpose of learning from her the complete details of the above described incident. In this connection it is particularly desired that all individuals in any way connected with the incident be identified. It is also of importance to learn the name and present whereabouts of the girl who was involved in the incident with [redacted]. A signed statement should be taken.

To assist in this interview there are enclosed for the use of the Norfolk Office photographs of individuals reportedly participating in this beating, together with other photographs of other persons in the Winter Garden area who have been determined to be associated with the Klan. These photographs should be displayed to [redacted] for identification purposes. Upon completion of the interview these photographs should be returned to the Miami Office.

It is requested that this interview be given expeditious attention.

Enclosures to Norfolk: 66 photos

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (4-4116)
 FROM : SAC, Miami (4-276)

DATE: March 31, 1952

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE,
 HARRY MOORE (deceased) - VICTIM
 CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Mobile Let to Director, 3-19-52.

Investigation to date has disclosed little information of value as to the activities of victim MOORE during December, 1951. Referenced letter states that BILL HENDRICK has advised he had a conversation with victim MOORE in Jacksonville, Florida, approximately two weeks before MOORE's demise, during which conversation MOORE "confided" in HENDRICK that he feared for his life. This is the first specific information that has been received from anyone indicating MOORE gave any indication he believed his life was in imminent danger. There has not been received previously any information to the effect that MOORE had any intention of curbing his activities in the NAACP and the Progressive Voters League or any information that he ever considered affiliating with the Civil Rights Congress. It is also to be noted that no information has been received previously to the effect victim MOORE was in Jacksonville during the time stated by HENDRICK.

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It is requested that HENDRICK be reinterviewed and an effort made to obtain complete details as to his conversation with MOORE as well as his knowledge of MOORE and MOORE's activities. It should also be ascertained why he had the conversation with MOORE in Jacksonville. It is also requested that HENDRICK be thoroughly interviewed as to MOORE's statements when MOORE allegedly confided in HENDRICK that he feared for his life.

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IF REPORT SUBMITTED, ADVISE DATE OF REPORT AND NAME OF REPORTING
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, MOBILE (44-175)
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
 HARRY T. MOORE, ET AL (Deceased) -VICTIMS
 CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: April 5, 1952

Re Mobile letter to the Director dated March 19, 1952
 and Miami letter to the Director dated March 31, 1952.

The latter requested that this office re-interview BILL HENDRIX in an effort to obtain complete details as to his conversation with MOORE as well as his knowledge of MOORE and MOORE's activities. It was also requested that it be ascertained why he had the conversation with MOORE in Jacksonville and that HENDRIX be thoroughly interviewed as to MOORE's statements when MOORE allegedly confided in HENDRIX that he feared for his life.

As the Bureau and Miami Office are aware, HENDRIX recently "resigned" as Grand Dragon, Southern Knights of the KKK, in order to push his campaign for Governor of Florida.

Although the Bureau has specifically directed previously that HENDRIX not be interviewed in this matter, the Bureau has stated that Agents may accept information which HENDRIX volunteers. Inasmuch as HENDRIX apparently has indicated his desire to "volunteer" the above information as set forth in Mobile letter to Bureau dated March 19, 1952, HENDRIX will be re-interviewed UACB prior to April 10, 1952.

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• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MAY 1, 1952

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (THURSDAY)

ATLANTA (44-439)

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE,
HARRIETT MOORE (deceased) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Remytel February 14, 1952, in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Bombing of Carver Village, Miami, Florida, September 22, 1951, and November 30, 1951, CIVIL RIGHTS".

[redacted] has advised that [redacted] recently told him that [redacted] accompanied him to Jacksonville, Florida, on February 15, 1952, and had previously accompanied him to Tampa, Florida, December 1, 1951. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was a "solid guy and you could dash his brains out before he would ever talk".

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Informant stated that [redacted] are very closely associated and informant stated he felt that [redacted] is a logical suspect in the above entitled case.

Informant advised that [redacted] resides on a farm south of Atlanta, near [redacted] Georgia, and would be known to [redacted] Jonesboro, Georgia, who was formerly Exalted Cyclops of the Oakland City Klavern, to which [redacted] belongs.

[redacted] advised on March 26, 1952, that [redacted] resides on [redacted] Georgia, and is employed at the Auto Light Battery Company at East Point, Georgia. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is a very rough type individual who is totally unreliable. He stated that [redacted] has been responsible for many cross burnings in the [redacted] rural area during the past year.

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[redacted] Auto Light Battery Company, East Point, Georgia, advised that [redacted] was born [redacted] in [redacted] Georgia, and has been

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employed by the Auto Light Battery Company since November 11, 1946. He stated his records did not reflect [redacted] former employment, but he knew of his personal knowledge that [redacted] had not been in the Armed Service during World War II. He advised that his records reflect that [redacted] took his vacation from May 28, 1951 to June 3, 1951, and the records reflected absences on March 23, 1951, May 2-4, 1951, and July 27-31, 1951. He advised that the factory was closed during Christmas from December 22 to December 26, 1951.

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[redacted] Auto Light Battery Company, advised [redacted] has worked under his supervision since July 14, 1951. He stated that [redacted] is an admitted member of the Klan and frequently takes all night trips to Klan meetings. He related that on Monday night, March 24, 1952, [redacted] stated he had been out all night to a Klan meeting. [redacted] advised March 26, 1952, that [redacted] had accompanied [redacted] to Rossville, Georgia, to a Klan meeting on March 24, 1952).

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[redacted] advised one night recently [redacted] went to a Klan meeting at Chipley, Georgia. He advised that during the past year, [redacted] has made numerous trips to Florida and he had heard him mention going to Panama City, Apopka, and Tampa, Florida. He stated that [redacted] attended the Christmas party of the company on Saturday, December 22, 1951, and when he returned to work on December 26, 1951, related that he had been to Florida during the holidays.

[redacted] stated that he did not know where [redacted] had gone in Florida, but he would endeavor to secure this information as [redacted] talked to him quite freely.

[redacted] drives a 1950 black Ford sedan bearing 1952 Georgia license [redacted]. It has been ascertained from the Georgia Motor Vehicle Bureau that this automobile has motor number [redacted] and the 1951 Georgia license was [redacted].

It has been ascertained from neighbors that [redacted] and his wife went to Florida, December 22, 1951, returning home December 26, 1951, in time for [redacted] to get to work. Neighbors advised that the [redacted] are the parents of [redacted] minor children, none of whom accompanied them on this trip to Florida.

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The above information is being furnished to the Miami Division pending the development of further background information concerning [redacted] following which it is contemplated that both he and his wife will be separately interviewed.

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[redacted] was described as follows:

Age	[redacted]
Height	[redacted]
Weight	[redacted]
Build	[redacted]
Eyes	[redacted]
Hair	[redacted]
Complexion	[redacted]
Characteristics	[redacted]
Criminal record	None

The records of the Atlanta Police Department and the Henry County Sheriff's Office reflect no information concerning [redacted]

There are enclosed herewith to the Miami Division eight photographs of [redacted] which Miami is requested to exhibit to its informants. Miami is requested to sutel Atlanta any information developed regarding [redacted]